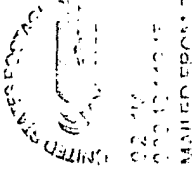
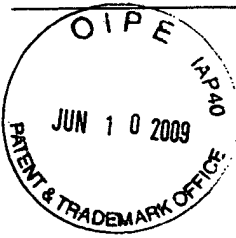


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DECISION ON PETITION  
TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER  
37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed December 18, 2008, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

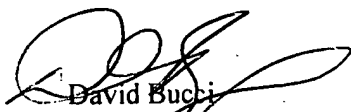
A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required

The instant petition includes a declaration from applicant Akria Taguchi that the applicant is 65 years of age or older as required under M.P.E.P. § 708.02.. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

The file does not indicate a change of address has been submitted, although the address given on the petition differs from the address of record. If appropriate, a change of address should be filed in accordance with MPP 601.03. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address given on the petition; however, the office will mail all future correspondence solely to the address of record. **The practitioner should note the Examiner sent an Office action dated 10/28/08 to the above address but the office letter was returned to the Office.**

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Newton Edwards at 571-272-6052, or in his absence to the undersigned at (571) 272-7099.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.



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